

Mansfield Public Schools

Board of Education Update

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Information regarding the current status of the Mansfield Public Schools: items, issues, challenges, and opportunities district staff addressed during the month, as well as upcoming district and school events.

Enrollment

Gr.	GW		SE		VN		MMS		Total
		+/-*		+/-*		+/-*		+/-*	
PK	31	4/4	30	7/7	30	2/4			91
K	44	6/2	48	2/5	42	4/6			134
1	31	0/4	46	3/8	47	8/4			124
2	38	4/2	43	1/3	51	6/5			132
3	29	1/0	35	1/4	52	7/8			116
4	43	3/2	43	4/3	43	6/5	1	1/0	130
PK-4									727
5							139	9/4	139
6							143	7/3	143
7							141	11/9	141
8							141	0/3	141
# Boys	122		120		131		302		
# Girls	94		126		134		263		
Total	216	18/15	245	17/29	265	33/32	565	28/19	1291

Home school: 13 students from 8 families

	GW	SE	VN	MMS	District
Immigrant Children*	9	16	4	10	39
ELL**	17	9	9	9	44

*Eligible immigrant children are defined as a) ages 3-21 enrolled full-time in school, b) not born in any state, c) have not been attending 1 or more schools in 1 or more states for more than 3 full academic years.

**English Language Learners

District Performance Targets (12-13)

Indicator	Participation Rate (11-12)	DPI (11-12)	Baseline DPI (3 yr. Avg.)	DPI Perf. Target (12-13)
DPI*	100.0%	88.9	88.1	Maintain
Students w/ Disabilities	100.0%	60.8	59.4	61.7
Free/Reduced Eligible	100.0%	76.7	76.4	77.4
Hispanic	100.0%	79.7	80.5	81.1
ELL	100.0%	64.1	64.1	66.1
Reading	99.6%	87.6	86.6	86.7
Mathematics	100.0%	90.7	90.3	Maintain
Writing	99.6%	89.3	88.3	Maintain
Science	100.0%	88.5	90.5	Maintain

* District Performance Index

Connecticut Mastery Test Results

#/% of students at/above goal – March 2012

Grade	Math	Writing	Reading	Science
3 – 125	100/82.0	90/72.0	88/71.5	n/a
4 – 135	111/82.8	107/79.3	107/80.4	n/a
5 – 146	121/82.8	101/69.7	104/78.2	117/80.2
6 – 140	121/86.4	125/89.9	121/86.4	n/a
7 – 140	111/79.3	110/78.6	122/87.1	n/a
8 – 146	107/73.8	118/81.4	122/84.7	114/78.0

Students not reaching goal in one or more areas: (2012-2013 grade)

Gr. 4 – 51/40.8%	Gr. 7 – 28/20.0%
Gr. 5 – 38/28.1%	Gr. 8 – 46/32.6%
Gr. 6 – 63/43.1%	Gr. 9 – 51/34.9%

Budget

• Food Service Comparison:

September – June 2012		September – June 2013	
Paid Meals	Total Meals	Paid Meals	Total Meals
95,206	156,949	90,585	152,130

- Reduced 2013-2014 budget to \$20,588,160 (0%) as directed by Town Council at April 24, 2013 meeting.
- At June 19th Town Council meeting, the Board of Education budget was reduced by \$100,000 to \$20,688,160 (.489%).

Personnel

	Certified	Non-Certified
Retirements	4	1
Resignations	9	1
Requests for Leave	0	0
New Hires	0	0
Reduction in Force	0	3

- Secured & appointed Principal for Southeast School.
- Facilitated postings of anticipated certified staff openings.
- Participated in all certified staff search committees.
- Facilitated Annual Retirement Party for retiring Board employees.

District: Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment

Including Instructional Technology Applications

- Continued Study Island software program for all district grade 3 and 4 students to use both at school and at home.
- Facilitated a year one implementation plan for *CPM: Core Connections Series*, grades 6-8 mathematics.
- Facilitated a year five implementation plan for *Bridges in Mathematics*.
- Facilitated a year twelve implementation plan for Houghton Mifflin: *Legacy of Literacy*.
- Continued implementation of Language Arts Program Review.
- Developed & distributed Common Core State Standards Plan Year 2.
- Facilitated STAR Assessments to be used in Gr. 2-8 at all schools for school year 2013-2014.

Policies

- Implemented revised MBOE Policies approved at September 13, 2012 meeting.
- Continued to explore the possibility of MBOE/Region 19 Policies revised concurrently.
- Facilitated posting of revised MBOE Policies on website.

Security

- Continued the implementation of required crisis prevention drills for all schools with emergency management officials.
- Continued the implementation of Tabletop Emergency Procedures Drill preparation.
- Presented Security Update to Board of Education.
- Implemented revised Emergency Procedures which include locking of exterior doors at all times unless door is staffed.

Building and Grounds

- Implemented a new online work order system.
- Continued to resolve issues related to MMS greenhouse.
- Continued to work on above ground oil tank issue at Vinton.
- Investigated water drainage issue in back of MMS.
- Resolved fallen tree limb on MMS portables.

Maintenance Work Requests, June 2013						
	GW	SE	VN	MMS	Total	
Complete	11	1	2	7	21	24%
New	4	8	7	24	43	48%
Pending	2	2	0	1	5	6%
In Progress	3	8	4	5	20	22%
Total	20	19	13	37	89	100%

Programs

Study Island Through June 29, 2013							
Grade 3				Grade 4			
Math		Reading		Math		Reading	
Q*	% Correct	Q*	% Correct	Q*	% Correct	Q*	% Correct
24,576	84.4	14,609	74.1	30,559	84.2	19,628	77.7

*Number of questions attempted on grade level

Energy

- Facilitated school building energy committees.
- Continued to facilitate guidelines for after school building use in an effort to reduce energy consumption.
- Monitored use of energy efficient refrigerators to replace classroom use of small refrigerators.
- Continued monitoring of gas heat & electric energy charges at MMS due to fuel conversion project.
- Discussed with finance and maintenance department common comprehensive energy management system.
- Discussed with town staff the use of an energy management consultant to facilitate and maximize cost savings.

Communication

- Attended MAC meeting.
- Facilitated 2 Administrative Council meetings.
- Attended Superintendents' Legal Issues Forum.
- Held monthly meetings with all bargaining groups.
- Held Facilities Management monthly meeting.

Professional Development

- Supported the continued development of school data teams.
- Implemented District Common Core State Standards as outlined in district plan.
- Facilitated District Professional Development Committee meeting regarding Professional Learning and Evaluation Plan.
- Received approval from CSDE and MBOE of Mansfield Teacher and Administrator Professional Learning and Evaluation Plan.
- Facilitated TEAM Committee meeting.
- Facilitated additional professional development schedule for regular classroom teachers during the 2013-2014 school year.

Technology Administrative Applications

- Continued implementation of HealthOffice Software.
- Continued implementation of automated system for recording substitutes.
- Continued conversion to Horizon library system software.
- Supported training and development of PowerSchool software.
- Continued implementation of Pearson Limelight Inform to track student assessment data to inform instruction.
- Continued implementation of AlertNow software program for transportation and school delays/closings to parents/guardians.
- Attended Quarterly IT Management Meeting.
- Continued implementation of MMS Parent Portal.
- Initiated contract with CSDE vendor, Bloom Board, for certified staff professional learning and evaluation support.

Other

- Attended Administration Evaluation Training.
- Attended Informational Session with local state troopers at EASTCONN.
- Facilitated Bus Drivers' Breakfast to honor school bus drivers.
- Attended school year end events.
- Attended CABA Legislative Wrap-Up.
- Attended Superintendents' Legal Issues Forum.
- Participated in Statewide Mock Emergency Meeting.
- Attended UCONN Neag Breakfast for Professional Development Schools.
- Participated in CAPSS Childhood Programs Committee meeting.

MMS PowerSchool Parent Portal

Access Statistics 1/21/13-6/25/13	
Total sign ins by parents	6,720
Total sign ins by students	17,422
Total sign ins by parents & students combined	24,142
Number of students whose records were accessed	545 of 572
Avg. length of parent visit (minutes)	11.1
Avg. length of student visit (minutes)	14.6
Avg. number of parent sign ins per day	33.9
Avg. number of student sign ins per day	85.1
Avg. number of parent & students sign ins per day combined	119
Email Requests	
Number of parents signed up to receive progress via email	103

Additional information will be provided upon request by calling 429.3350 or by emailing mboesupt@mansfieldct.org.

Mansfield Public Schools Monthly Memorable Moments

Goodwin School

- On June 20, Goodwin's fourth graders celebrated Class Day at the Mansfield Community Center. Arriving by bus at 12:00, students enjoyed pizza in the Community room and then headed off for an afternoon of fun. Students played basketball in the gym, enjoyed the various games in the Teen Room, and used the track. Of course, the most exciting activity was the chance to swim in the pool. This was the first class to participate in such a Class Day and, judging from the enthusiastic response, there will be many more fourth grade classes to follow. The staff of Goodwin extends its sincere thanks to the staff of the Community Center for helping to coordinate this event.
- The annual Waterslide Day was held on June 21. Mr. Dean and a crew of staff and parent volunteers put down plastic sheeting on the slopes behind Goodwin. Thanks to our Mansfield Firefighters, a truck provides the constant flow of water needed. Just a bit of dish detergent makes the slides slippery enough for students to fly down. This is a fabulously fun day for all!

Southeast School

- Forty-seven third and fourth graders from Southeast ran in the Annual Connecticut Association of Schools KidsMarathon on June 1st at Norwich Free Academy. Through our afterschool running club, students completed at least 25 miles during the school year. Parents and teachers cheered on our runners as they completed the last leg of the marathon. As part of this yearlong initiative, Southeast students were inspired to live healthier life styles by their Physical Education Instructor Betsy Parker, World language Teacher Diane Hutton and Enrichment Teacher Sue Irvine. Through the Running Club, these students set personal goals and felt great about their successes. Each Friday after school, students were presented with new goals and new school trails. Student growth in endurance and stamina were documented at the end of each 10 week session. At KidsMarathon, our Southeast runners ran with kids from across the state to complete the final mile of the marathon. This is Southeast's fifth year attending this exciting event. Our Southeast students love their active and healthy life-style!
- On Wednesday, June 12th, the fourth graders had their annual Historical Wax Museum exhibit. It was sensational and very informative! Our fourth grade students were characters within the wax museum display. Each student dressed up as a historical character such as Albert Einstein, Buddha, King Tut, Anne Frank, Helen Keller, Annie Oakley, Neil Armstrong, Madame Curie, Amelia Earhart, President John F. Kennedy, and Mozart. Students gave historical information both orally and through a visual presentation regarding the character they were depicting.
- This year's St. Jude Math-A-Thon was organized and sponsored by Resource Teacher Karen Burnham and Instructional Assistant Andrea Lennon. Over \$3000 was raised this school year. Southeast has been participating in this event for ten years. St. Jude's Math-A-Thon is a fundraising program that supports St. Jude's way for students to help to save the lives of patients at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. The program includes a math supplement for grades K-8 that students complete while raising funds for the research hospital.

Vinton School

- Vinton Kindergartners were thrilled to meet Cole, a therapy dog, accompanied by Mansfield Animal Control Officer, Noranne Nielsen. We learned the important jobs a therapy dog can do; Visiting people who are in the hospital and cheering up residents in a nursing home. We learned the difference between a therapy and a service dog. A therapy dog needs to be invited in to a building. A service dog needs to go everywhere their human goes to help them. Noranne taught us how to be responsible pet owners. She showed us the safe way to pet a dog: ALWAYS ask an adult first before petting. She shared information about our animal shelter and thanked Vinton for all the money they raised for it. Information was sent home about not leaving animals in hot cars, preventing rabies, and useful phone numbers to keep people and animals safe.

Vinton School continued

- The Annual Vinton Fun Fest took place on Thursday, June 6th. This year's theme was Jump Rope for Heart, and Hoops for Heart, to sponsor the American Heart Association. Stations were set up outside including hiking, biking, and of course jumping rope and basketball. At the end of the day the students participated in a school-wide talent show. Students also took turns on two giant inflatable slides on the playground, and refreshed themselves with snow cones. The day was a huge success, and a good time was had by all!
- On May 21st the Vinton Kindergarten classes visited the Hole in the Wall Gang Camp in Ashford, CT, and on June 10th visited Bakerwoods. Hole in the Wall is a no-fee camp for children with serious illnesses and their families, founded by Paul Newman. The camp looks like you are stepping onto a movie set! The students listened to the important work being done there, then got to play, sing songs, and climb up in a tree house. Kindergartners and the Vinton PTA donated supplies to the camp. During their visit to Bakerwoods, the students explored nature trails, played "I Spy" to find hidden gnomes, and found many treasures! There are lots of animals to see there; horses, bunnies, ducks and chickens.

Mansfield Middle School

- Each year The Connecticut Writing Project publishes student work. We are proud to announce that Carly Bernstein's poem, "Night," was included in this year's edition of *Connecticut Student Writers*. Celya Damani received honorable mention for her poem, "The 400 Year Dash."
- This year, eighth-grader students participated in the first MMS Debate Competition. Students competed first at the classroom level, and then 32 students proceed to the next level. In the final debate, Chloe Gibson and Vida Javidi placed first, and Malek ElShaks and Tim Watson came in second. Thank you to our judges, Gregg Haddad, Mansfield's State Representative and Mark LaPlaca, Mansfield's Board of Education Chairman.
- On the evening of Monday, June 24th, we celebrated the accomplishments of the eighth grade class of 2013. The auditorium was filled with proud family members and friends of the students as individuals and groups were recognized for the ways that they used their middle school years to explore the school's clubs, teams, ensembles, programs, performances, and activities.
- Individuals received recognition for their outstanding effort and performance in our academic programs. Each eighth grader walked across the stage to receive a certificate of completion.
- Several eighth graders received these special recognitions: CAS Student Leadership Certificates: Katie Blomstrann, Jenny Wells; MMS Citizenship Awards: Carly Bernstein, Zarek Boukus, Darcy Canales, Claire Chang; Secretary of State's Citizenship Award: Vida Javidi; Dr. Mark S. Pollack Science Award: Tariq Ali; Christopher Vasington Cox Memorial Foundation Award: Vida Javidi; MMSA Good Friends Award: Luke Hawthorne, Abby Vampatella; CAPSS Awards: Emily Kaufman, Jack Krecidlo; CAFE Student Leadership Awards: Heather Abdulla, Sam Huang; CAS Scholar-Leader Awards: Vida Javidi, Tim Watson
- Secretary of State Denise Merrill made a surprise appearance at the MMS Closing Ceremonies on June 24th to eighth grader Vida Javidi. The award recognizes Vida's active participation in community activities, scholarship and leadership.

Upcoming Events in July:

Please join us at any/all of these events

GW	SE	VN
Summer Vacation	Summer Vacation	Summer Vacation
MMS		
Summer Vacation		
District		
Board of Education Special Meeting/Workshop Bishop Center Room 146 7/9/13 5:30pm		

Link to District Four Schools Calendar of Events:

<http://www.mansfieldct.gov/content/3607/5184/7573.aspx>

or:

Go to <http://www.mansfieldct.gov/mboe> (Board of Ed. website)

- 1) In the middle at the bottom is a link called "Calendar of Events"
- 2) Click on that link and it will bring you to the calendar.